

was insufficient water for the new settlers. This was a period when feelings ran high among the two groups. In an endeavor to get more water the new settlers met in



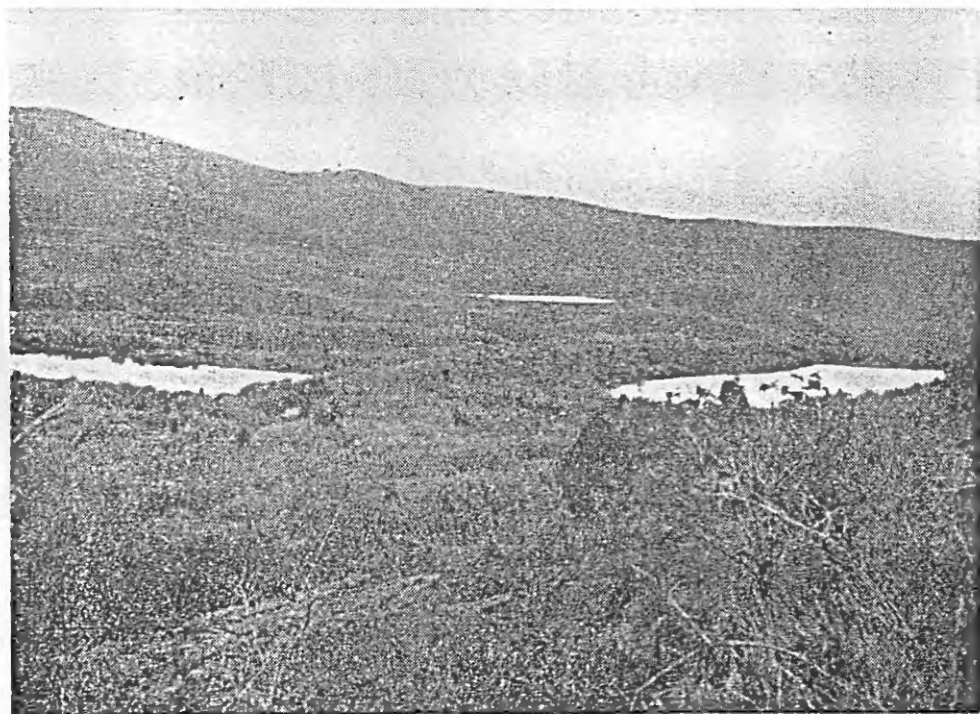
First water to Heber Valley from Colorado watershed. (Daniel)



James Lindsay

the winter of 1878 and determined to go up Center Creek Canyon in the spring to locate reservoir sites. The leader of the group was James Lindsay, and his experiences in the problem of securing water were typical of many of the trials that new settlers underwent at this time.

have and the length of time he could use it before it was passed on to the next farm. Then too, when there was insufficient water for the increasing number of farms,



Lindsay Reservoirs, one of first water storage projects in Utah

canals had to be constructed to tap the unused sources. Finally, new sources had to be found and developed.

In Heber, the first cooperative irrigation work in the valley took place on a community scale. One evening in the spring of 1860 the citizens held a mass meeting to discuss securing for the city the water rights to all the creeks lying to the east of town. Many people were coming up that summer to claim the eastern lands and those living on the city plots were worried that the new settlers might appropriate the waters of Lake and Center Creeks and the springs for their use instead of drawing upon the Provo River. The day following the meeting,